

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the second Office action based upon the above amendments and the remarks which follow. The Examiner made non-prior-art-based rejections under §§101 and 112, first and second paragraph, made prior-art-based rejections under §103(a) of claims 1, 13, 20, 21 and 25-26 based upon three publications the Examiner referred to as CYCA, Barons and HIV/AIDS; made prior-art-based rejections under §103(a) of claims 5 and 7 based upon CYCA, Barons and a third publication the Examiner referred to as Youth Communications; and made prior-art-based rejections under §103(a) of claim 6 based upon CYCA, Barons and a third publication the Examiner referred to as The Militant.

Concerning all rejections, applicant has amended the claims by canceling all but independent claims 1 and 13 so the rejections based upon other claims are now rendered moot.

Concerning non-prior-art-based rejections, applicant believes it has described each of the program elements to meet the description and definiteness requirements of §112. Concerning the examiner's new ground for rejection under §101, applicant disagrees that the program recited in amended claims 1 and 13 is not one for the technological arts.

Concerning the Examiner's prior-art-based rejections, applicant notes that none of them individually shows or suggests the program of the above-amended claims. Applicant agrees that CYCA, Barons, HIV/AIDS, Youth Communications and The Militant describe certain programs involving youth.

However, there is no suggestion in Youth Communications or The Militant to provide as amended claim 1 recites: "A method of structuring a program for developing in a group

of students a set of life management skills, the method comprising: providing a board to manage the program, providing one or more activities for the students...wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase goods or services from at least one of the sponsors and activity providers...wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students are contributed by the sponsors and activity providers to the board for the program; wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program; and wherein the youth club-sub-program includes production of a television show wherein the youth club sub-program includes publishing a magazine and includes producing a computer-network based program; and further comprising the step of providing at least one board of advisers for advising the managing board, the board of advisers including members having expertise in at least one of the activities provided to the students.”

Similarly, there is no suggestion in CYCA, Barons, or HIV/AIDS to provide, as amended claim 1 recites, “A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life management skills that includes the steps of providing a “youth club-sub-program [that] includes production of a television show wherein the youth club sub-program includes publishing a magazine and includes producing a computer-network based program; and further comprising the step of providing at least one board of advisers for advising the managing board, the board of advisers including members having expertise in at least one of the activities provided to the students.”

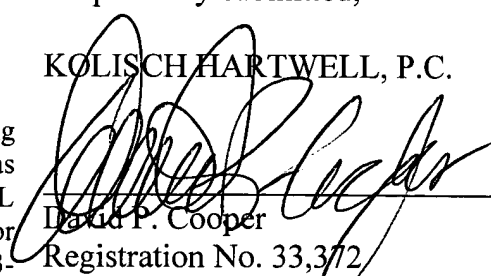
As to amended claim 13, nowhere does CYCA, Barons or HIV/AIDS suggest: “A method of structuring a program for developing in a group of students a set of life

management skills, the method comprising: providing a board to manage the program... providing one or more activities for the students...wherein a portion of sales revenues from purchases of goods or services by students from the sponsors and the activity providers are to be contributed to the board for the program; wherein the funding sub-program includes encouraging the students in connection with the activity to purchase the goods or services of at least one of the sponsors and activity providers; and wherein the board manages a youth club sub-program, and wherein the youth club includes at least one activity selected from the group of producing a television show, publishing a magazine, and producing a computer-network based program; wherein the at least one activity includes an intellectual activity wherein the students apply inventive thinking skills in a business setting to develop new products; and wherein a business organization provides one or more employees to act as mentors to students in applying inventive thinking skills to develop new products.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the above-identified amendments and remarks. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

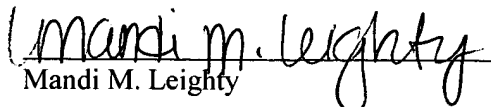
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